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Chairman Michael Powell
Federal Communications Commission

Dear Mr. Powell:

As the father of college students, I have relied on pre-paid calling cards as a convenient way to keep in contact with my children while controlling expenses. I have found for my long-distance calling needs, pre-paid calling cards are best. Portability, universal acceptance and predictability make them a great product.

Now I am told that the world of prepaid cards may turn upside down, just because the monopoly telephone companies, such as SBC here in Indiana, want to make even more money. As I understand it, these companies want the FCC to redefine calling-card calls so they become more expensive. No better service, no new features. Just more money.

Why reclassifying pre-paid calls as instate helps the consumers eludes me. And how SBC knows I'm calling instate is a mystery. Everybody knows by now that an instate call and an interstate call are identical to the phone company. They should be to the consumer as well.

I like to talk to my children at college and I'd like for them to be able to continue using a convenient and inexpensive method of calling. Don't take it away. And for heaven's sake, don't do it just so that SBC can make even more money.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

David Dawson